

1 REMARKS

2 Status of the Claims

3 Claims 1 and 47 are pending in the present application, new Claim 47 having been added in
4 the present amendment. Claim 1 has been amended to define an invention distinguishable from the
5 cited art.

6 Double Patenting Rejection

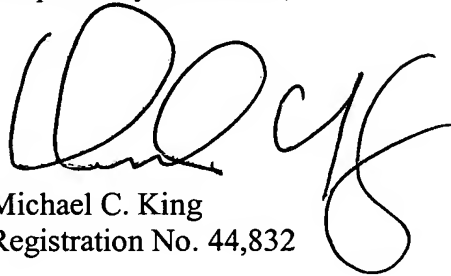
7 The Examiner has rejected Claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as claiming the same invention as
8 that of Claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 6,583,865. Applicants have amended Claim 1 such that the claims
9 are not coextensive. Accordingly, the double patenting rejection should be withdrawn.

10 Patentability of Added Claim 47

11 Claim 47 recites an imaging system in which a detector is disposed at an angle relative to an
12 imaging lens, such that light from the imaging lens incident on the detector exhibits a different focus
13 at different portions of the detector. This concept is clearly described in the specification as filed, and
14 Claim 47 is therefore fully supported by the specification.

15 Should any further questions remain, the Examiner is invited to telephone applicant's attorney
16 at the number listed below.

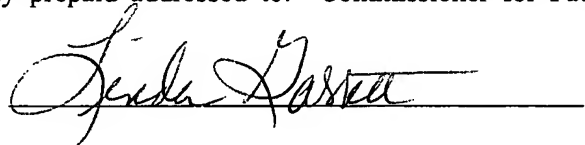
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26 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on May 12, 2004.

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